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# H. R. 5161

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “People’s Republic of  
5       China and U.S. Election Investigation Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. INDEPENDENT COUNSEL FOR INVESTIGATION OF**  
2 **CHINESE INFLUENCE ON 1996 PRESIDENTIAL**  
3 **ELECTION.**

4 (a) APPOINTMENT.—Within 90 days of the date of  
5 the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall ap-  
6 point an independent counsel in the manner independent  
7 counsels were appointed under chapter 40 of title 28,  
8 United States Code, but without regard for the prelimi-  
9 nary investigation requirement. Such an appointment shall  
10 be made for a term of 2 years. During that period, an  
11 independent counsel appointed under this subsection shall  
12 have all the authority, jurisdiction, and responsibilities of  
13 an independent counsel appointed under such chapter be-  
14 fore its termination.

15 (b) AUTHORITY.—An independent counsel appointed  
16 under subsection (a) shall undertake a comprehensive in-  
17 vestigation of—

18 (1) the actions taken by officials from the Peo-  
19 ple's Republic of China in connection with the 1996  
20 Presidential Election to determine if such actions  
21 were illegal; and

22 (2) the actions taken by high ranking officers  
23 of the Federal government in connection with finan-  
24 cial contributions made by officials from the People's  
25 Republic of China in connection with the 1996 Pres-

1       idential Election to determine if such actions vio-  
2       lated any Federal law.

3       (c) REPORT.—An independent counsel appointed  
4 under subsection (a) shall make a report and terminate  
5 the independent counsel’s investigation as if such chapter  
6 40 applied.

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